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REMARKS

The remainder of this Reply is set forth under appropriate subheadings for the convenience of the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The claims of the application stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of the previously-cited references; U.S. Patent No. 5,485,504 to Ohnsorge ("Ohnsorge"), WO 93/18428 to Spitzer ("Spitzer"), U.S. Patent No. 4,010,322 to Nathanson ("Nathanson"), U.S. Patent No. 5,197,332 to Shennib ("Shennib") and EP 0 551 781 A1 to Suzuki ("Suzuki"), and a newly-cited reference, EP 0 438 362 to Suwa, *et al.* ("Suwa").

In particular, with respect to Suwa, the Examiner stated that Suwa discloses "portable display device including a lens magnifying an image displayed on the display panel for viewing by a user, wherein the active matrix display panel, the light source and the lens are located on a single optical axis extending along a line of sight of the user (see Fig. 6 and 8A)" (page 3, 3rd full paragraph of the Office Action dated September 20, 2006). This Examiner's assertion is in error for the reasons set forth below.

Suwa discloses a display apparatus employing a *point source of light* and mirror means for reflecting light which is emitted from the point source of light to eye lenses. As taught at column 2, lines 46-49 of Suwa, the point light source is located *between* left and right eyes and light emitted by the point light source is directed by eye lenses to each eye, respectively. Also, as taught at column 4, lines 2-9 and in Fig. 3 and 5 of Suwa, the point source of light, such as tungsten lamp 24A, is located at *central* supporter 24. Figs. 6 and 8A are side views of such optical systems (see column 4, lines 52-54), and do not convey the fact that the point source of light is in the line of sight of the user. There is no disclosure in Suwa of any embodiment wherein the point source of light is on a single optical axis extending along a line of sight of the user, as is claimed by Applicants.

Applicants' claimed device employs an active matrix display panel, lens and a light source wherein they are located on a single optical axis extending along a line of sight of the user. Suwa does not disclose or suggest a display device wherein an active matrix display panel, lens and a light source are located on a single optical axis extending along a line of sight of the

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user. Moreover, Suwa does not disclose or suggest a display device that includes an active matrix liquid crystal display panel having an active matrix circuit and an array of at least 300,000 pixel electrodes, a light source, a display driver circuit coupled to the active matrix circuit and a lens for viewing by a user wherein the active matrix liquid display panel, the light source and the lens are located on a single optical axis extending along a line of sight of the user, as is claimed by Applicants. The other remaining references cited by the Examiner, Ohnsorge, Spitzer, Nathanson, Shennib and Suzuki, do not remedy the deficiencies of Suwa.

Therefore, Applicants' claimed invention is novel and non-obvious in view of the references cited by the Examiner, Ohnsorge, Spitzer, Nathanson, Shennib, Suzuki and Suwa, taken either separately or in any combination. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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